

the superior court of said counties, to draw the names of not less than twelve nor more than twenty-four jurors, in the manner now prescribed by law, for each week of the term of said superior courts, who shall be summoned to appear to serve as jurors during the week for which they were selected. And it shall be the duty of the county commissioners of each of said counties, at least twenty days before the regular terms of the said criminal courts, or ten days before any special terms of said courts, to draw the names of thirty-six jurors, under the same rules and regulations as are now required by law, to serve as grand and petit jurors at the next term of said court; and at the said term of court there shall be drawn by a boy of ten years of age, or under, twelve jurors from said number of thirty-six jurors drawn as aforesaid, who shall constitute a grand jury for said court, nine of whom shall be necessary to agree before a bill of indictment shall be returned as true; and upon the failure of the commissioners of said counties to draw the jurors as hereinbefore provided, said jurors shall be drawn by the sheriff and the chairman of the board of commissioners in the manner prescribed in this section, and by existing laws in regard to jurors of the superior court, not inconsistent herewith. The qualification of jurors in these courts shall be the same as prescribed by law for jurors in the superior courts.

Jurors for criminal courts.

Grand jury to consist of twelve.

Nine necessary to find a true bill.

Qualifications of jurors.

SEC. 19. All jurors who shall attend or serve in said courts shall be entitled to the same compensation and be subject to the same rules and regulations, and possess the same qualifications as are required by law in regard to jurors in the superior courts. And in the county of New Hanover there shall be a special *venire*, the number of which shall be designated by the presiding judge drawn from day to day of each term of said court, under the supervision of the chairman of the board of county commissioners, or some other members of said board and the clerk of the said criminal court, by a boy of ten years of

Compensation of jurors.

Special venire in New Hanover.